

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Hidefumi KONDO, et al.

Filed : Concurrently herewith

For : ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM

Serial No. : Concurrently herewith

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

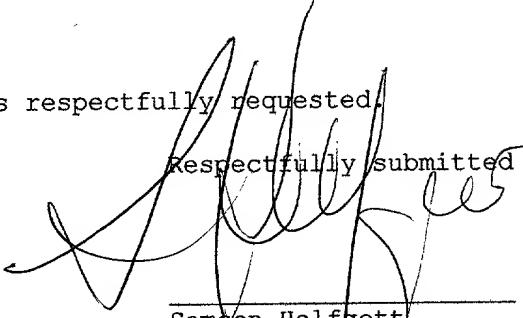
Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

R E M A R K S

This amendment has been filed to avoid improper multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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